

Docket: NECA 20.522
Application: 10/625,091

REMARKS

In the office action the Examiner requests election from one of two species:

Species 1 – as illustrated in Fig. 10, and

Species 2– as illustrated in Fig. 11.

In response, election of Species I for further prosecution on the merits is made without traverse. It is submitted that species I is represented by claims 1, 3, 11, 13, and 21 and that these claims shall be considered for further prosecution on the merits.


In the office action, the Examiner notes that the upon the allowance of a generic claim the claims of the unelected species the unelected species shall be considered for patentability. Thus, upon allowance of the claims of Species I any of the claims in Species II which include all the features of the broadest claim of Species I should also be allowed

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Allowance of the claims remaining in the present application is earnestly solicited.

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